

ST ATHAN GOLF CLUB
COMPETITIONS RULE BOOK

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1. GENERAL CLUB RULES

2. All competitions will be run in accordance with the rules of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
3. All individual competitions in which medal play conditions (Strokeplay and Stableford) prevail are to be deemed **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS** unless otherwise stated.
4. The Chairman of Play and his sub-committee are responsible for the smooth running and administration of **All** competitions outlined in this book. They are responsible for ensuring that the rules of each club competition **are strictly adhered to**.
5. The Competitions Member is responsible for the timely publish of all club competition results and also the distribution of monies from entry fees.
6. Entry Fee Monies
Monies are to be distributed in accordance with the entry fee and prize money break down as explained in **Section 3** of this document.
7. Competition Digression.
The Competitions Member will notify the Chairman of Play as soon as possible as to any digression to the competition rules by club members. These include non-attendance and late on the tee.
8. The following applies to St Athan Golf Club Male Juniors.
Juniors may be considered to participate in senior competitions after recommendation by the Junior Organiser in writing to the Chairman of Play. If permitted, they must abide by the rules outlined below:
 - a) The individual has a 'current' handicap and is considered by the Junior Organiser to have sufficient potential and personal bearing to compete in such competitions.
 - b) Juniors are not permitted to play without a Senior Member in their group.
 - c) Juniors will pay the nominated entrance fee as stated on the entry sheet. This means they are entitled to win as per senior men.
9. Two Ball Sweep
The two ball sweep will run concurrently with each competition and 2's recorded will win a share of the 2 ball sweep. If no two's are recorded in any Sunday competition then the money collected will be carried over to the next main men's Sunday competition. Monies will be paid out for best aggregate on Texas Scrambles.
10. Trophies
On Presentation evening the persons listed will be recognised. It is the responsibility of the Playing Sub-committee to ensure that trophies held by the club are engraved for presentation. Should any players listed below request an individual trophy they must request this at the earliest opportunity after release of the results. Where possible every effort will be made by the playing committee to subsidise the cost however a donation may be required from the players winnings. The main trophy awards which will be presented at the Club Presentation Evening :

- a) Monthly Medals – Winner only
- b) Board Competitions – Winner(s) and Runner(s) up.
- c) Kyle Trophy – Winner only.
- d) 8.4 Trophy – Winner only.
- e) Last Chance Trophy – Winner only.
- f) Medal Winners Medal – Winner only.
- g) Turkey Trot Order of Merit – Winner only.
- h) Ryder Cup Order of Merit – Winner only.

11. Countback

The countback for any competition is outlined in that particular competition.

12. Committee Members Tee Off Times

Only the following members are entitled for a preferred tee off slot:

Club President - Club Chairman - Club Captain - Chairman of Play - Chairman of House - Chairman of Greens

13. Matchplay Rules

The rules for matchplay competitions are outlined in that competition.

Cut of dates are to be strictly adhered to.

14. Weather Before play and after competition has started

Refer to section 30 of this document.

In summary:

*Adverse weather conditions may cause a delay or even cancellation to a club competition. **Two Management Committee members or 1 management committee member and Green Keeper** will in the first instance be responsible for initiating the suspension for up to 30 minutes to see if conditions improve.*

Suspension of play will be signalled by 1 loud long blast on the klaxon, all players are to mark their ball immediately and leave the course. Cancellation of the competition will be signalled by 3 short blasts of the klaxon. *If the course is still unplayable the competition is to be cancelled and all monies returned.*

Note: if no committee member is present, the HGK assumes responsibility for the condition of the course and as such has full authority to cancel all play.

15. Transport (Buggies / ride on vehicles and trolleys)

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a *stipulated round* unless authorised by the Committee. Competitors must provide a medical certificate as per R&A regulations.

16. Medal Best Gross

The best gross prize will be awarded to the competitor who returns the best gross score against in medal format golf only.

17. TEES

All Board competitions are to be played off White tees for Men's section competitions and Red tees for Ladies competing in mixed competitions unless otherwise stated on the specific competitions page within this document.

2. PRECEDENCE OF ORDER FOR CLUB FINALS DAY

If a player qualifies for more than one final on club final's day then this is the order in which competition takes precedence:

Club Championship (36 Holes)

Ladies Club Championship (36 Holes)

Junior Club Championship (18 Holes)

Club Plate (36 Holes)

Ladies Club Plate (18 Holes)

Club Rabbits (36 Holes)

Dan Archer (18Holes)

Fairwood Park (18 Holes)

Ladies Turnbull (18 Holes)

Ladies Invitation (18 Holes)

Veterans Match-Play Competition (18 Holes)

Any player(s) who are in more than one final are responsible for ensuring that these other matches are complete prior to Club Finals Day.

3. COMPETITION ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE MONEY

All competitions will be subject to **£5** entry fee per round unless stated in the individual competitions page within this document. The following section detail the guidelines for how the entry fee is to be divided.

3.1 Individual Competitions

Except for the 36 Hole competitions (Scratch, Presidents and Club Champs Qualifiers), the following guidelines are applicable:

Ryder Cup Qualifiers (RCQ)			
No. of Competitors		0-35	36+
£2.75	1 st place*	58%	50%
	2 nd place*	28%	25%
	3 rd place*	14%	15%
	4 th place*	N/A	10%
£0.25	Ryder Cup OOM	£0.25 from each entry	
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 from each entry	
£1.00	Board fund	£1 from each entry	

Non Ryder Cup Qualifier			
No. of Competitors		0-35	36+
£2.75	1 st place*	58%	50%
	2 nd place*	28%	25%
	3 rd place*	14%	15%
	4 th place*	N/A	10%
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 from each entry	
£1.25	Board fund	£1.25 from each entry	

*% are to be taken from Prize fund after any additional prizes have been paid, i.e., £10 best Gross.

3.2 Club Championship, Plate and Rabbits

Qualifying Rounds:

		Per Round	36 Hole (% of combined remaining prize fund from Round 1 + 2)
		Nett	Nett
£2.00	1 st place*	44.4%	66.6%
	2 nd place*	22.2%	33.3%
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 per entry	
£1.50	Category Fund	£1.50 per entry	
£0.50	Board fund	£0.50 per entry	

*% are to be taken from Prize fund after £10 best Gross has been Paid (Round 1, Round 2 & 36 Total)

3.3 Scratch Trophy / President Cup

		Per Round		36 Hole (% of combined remaining prize fund from Round 1 + 2)	
		Scratch	Nett	Scratch	Nett
£3.50	1 st place	20%	20%	33%	33%
	2 nd place	10%	10%	17%	17%
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 per entry			
£0.50	Board fund	£0.50 per entry			

No £10 best Gross to be paid for during this competition.

3.4 Pairs Competitions

No. of Competitors		0-35	36+
£3.00	1 st place	66.6%	58%
	2 nd place	33.3%	28%
	3 rd place	N/A	14%
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 from each entry	
£1.00	Board fund	£1 from each entry	

NOTE: For 3 and 4 Person competitions, the prizes will be distributed as per the 0-35 competitors bracket above irrespective of the number of participants (1st place team 66.6%, 2nd place team 33.3% of the prize fund)

3.5 Dan Archer and Fairwood Park

£3.50	Winner(s)	50%
	Runner(s) up	25%
	Semi Finalist 1	12.5%
	Semi Finalist 2	12.5%
£1.50	Board fund	£1.50 from each entry

3.6 Turkey Trott Competitions

	Dates	November & December	January to March
£2.75	1 st place	58%	
	2 nd place	28%	
	3 rd place	14%	
£1.00	2's sweep	£1 from each entry	
£0.25	Turkey Trott OOM	£0.25 from each entry	
£1.00	Board fund	£1 from each entry Xmas draw raffle*	£1 from each entry

*Each competitor will be placed into a raffle to win Xmas draw tickets. There will be 5 players drawn after each competition in the presence of 3 members. Each person drawn will win an equal share (1/5) of the value of the prize pot in Xmas Draw tickets.

3.7 Order of Merit Competitions

Through the course of the Order of Merit Competition's (Ryder Cup and Turkey Trot), each entry into each qualifying event will contribute £0.25 into the prize fund. The prize fund will then be split as Follows:

	% off Prize fund
1 st place	50%
2 nd place	25%
3 rd place	15%
4 th place	10%

4. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP categories

4.1 Club Championship

Qualifying Format – 36 Hole Gross Medal

To be played as 2 separate 18 hole medal rounds (count as separate RCQ's) nominated from the club calendar and will run concurrently with the Club Plate and Rabbit's Trophy Qualifiers.

Competitors may request to play the 36 hole qualifier on either of the days scheduled at the agreement of the Chairman of Play, ensuring they follow the general competition rules and regulations.

The qualifiers for the Club Championship will be the **8 players** who return the best **36 hole gross medal scores**.

Qualifying Handicap Allowance

This is a **scratch** competition and all members with competitive handicaps up to and including 54 are eligible to enter and win this trophy.

Tie

In the event of a tie, Countback of last 18 holes (then 9, then 6 then 3 if required) will be used to finalise the 8 qualifiers.

Any player who loses out at the play off stage but has either a Plate or Rabbit handicap index will then automatically qualify for that respective competition. He will assume his position in that particular competition at the matchplay stage in the correct qualifying order, which should be as qualifier 1.

Club Championship Matchplay Stages

The 8 qualifiers for the knockout matchplay are seeded as follows:

Qualifier 1 v Qualifier 8 – Match 1
Qualifier 4 v Qualifier 5 – Match 2
Qualifier 3 v Qualifier 6 – Match 3
Qualifier 2 v Qualifier 7 – Match 4

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2
Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

Knock-out rounds are 18 holes Match play. Final is 36 holes Match play

Winners will then meet on Club Final's Day

Trophies

As per section 3.2 of this document

4.2 Club Plate

Qualifying Format – 36 Hole Gross Medal

To be played over 2 separate 18 hole medal rounds and will run concurrently with the Club Championship and Rabbit's Trophy.

The qualifiers for the Club Plate will be the **8 players** who return the best **36 hole gross medal scores** and have **handicap index Greater than 9.4**.

Qualifying Handicap Allowance

This is a **scratch** competition and only members with official WHS Handicap index from 9.5 to 54 at start of first round are eligible to win this trophy.

Tie

In the event of a tie, Countback of last 18 holes (then 9, then 6 then 3 if required) will be used to finalise the 8 qualifiers.

Any player who loses out at the play off stage but has a Rabbit handicap (WHS index 17.5 to 54) will then automatically qualify for that respective competition. He will assume his position in that particular competition at the matchplay stage in the correct qualifying order, which should be as qualifier 1.

Club Plate Matchplay Stages

The 8 qualifiers for the knockout matchplay are seeded as follows:

Qualifier 1 v Qualifier 8 – Match 1
Qualifier 4 v Qualifier 5 – Match 2
Qualifier 3 v Qualifier 6 – Match 3
Qualifier 2 v Qualifier 7 – Match 4

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2
Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

Knock-out rounds are 18 holes Match play. Final is 36 holes Match play

Winners will then meet on Club Final's Day

Trophies or Vouchers

As per section 3.2 of this document

4.3 Rabbit's Trophy

Qualifying Format – 36 Hole Gross Medal

To be played over 2 separate 18 hole medal rounds and will run concurrently with the Club Championship and Club Plate.

The qualifiers for the Club Plate will be the **8 players** who return the best **36 hole gross medal scores** and have **handicap index Greater than 17.4**.

Qualifying Handicap Allowance

This is a **scratch** competition and only members with WHS Handicap index from 17.5 to 54 at start of first round are eligible to win this trophy.

Tie

In the event of a tie, Countback of last 18 holes (then 9, then 6 then 3 if required) will be used to finalise the 8 qualifiers.

Rabbit's Trophy Matchplay Stages

The 8 qualifiers for the knockout matchplay are seeded as follows:

Qualifier 1 v Qualifier 8 – Match 1
Qualifier 4 v Qualifier 5 – Match 2
Qualifier 3 v Qualifier 6 – Match 3
Qualifier 2 v Qualifier 7 – Match 4

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2
Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

Knock-out rounds are 18 holes Match play. Final is 36 holes Match play

Winners will then meet on Club Final's Day

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.2 of this document.

5. MONTHLY MEDALS AND MEDAL WINNERS MEDAL

5.1 Monthly Medals

Format - 18 Hole Medal

An **Individual** medal competition.

Handicap allowance

95%

Result

The player returning the lowest net score will be declared the winner.

The player returning the best gross score will receive £10.00

Qualifying ties

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players handicaps into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document

5.2 Medal Winners Medal

This competition if held will run concurrently with the Last Chance Trophy. Only those members who have won a medal competition during that year are eligible to win this trophy.

Trophy or vouchers

Winner only.

Qualifying ties

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players handicaps into account as well.

6. DAN ARCHER TROPHY

Qualifying Format – Open Draw

Handicap allowance for matchplay stages

The player with the higher handicap will receive **90% handicap difference** from the lower handicap player and will take the shots at the appropriate stroke indexes.

Matchplay stages general

WHITE tees are to be used for all knockout rounds.

Matchplay ties

As per normal matchplay conditions. Sudden death play-off will operate taking strokes at the appropriate stroke indexes again.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.5 of this document

Arrangement of matchplay games

For the arrangement of knockout matches the following rules apply:

1. The first named pair must offer 3 possible dates to their opponents for the match to be played. This is to be done within **1 week** of the fixture being known.
2. If this is unsuccessful then the second named pair will offer **3 dates**.
3. If no agreeable date can be achieved, then both pairs will be responsible to turn up on the first tee at **10:00hrs** on the last day available for the tie to be played.
4. If either pair fails to turn up, then they will be deemed to have scratched and will **forfeit** the match.
5. If neither team turns up, then **both teams** will have deemed to have scratched and will be **disqualified**.
6. All qualifiers are to ensure that they are available for the final before commencement of match-play games.

Knock-out rounds are 18 holes Match play. Final is 18 holes Match play

Winners will then meet on Club Final's Day

7. FAIRWOOD PARK TROPHY

Qualifying format – Open Draw

Handicap allowance for matchplay stages

All players will take **75% the difference**, from the lowest handicap player and will take the shots at the appropriate stroke indexes.

Matchplay stages general

WHITE tees are to be used for all knockout rounds.

Matchplay ties

As per normal matchplay conditions. Sudden death play-off will operate taking strokes at the appropriate stroke indexes again.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.5 of this document

Arrangement of matchplay games

For the arrangement of knockout matches the following rules apply:

7. The first named pair must offer 3 possible dates to their opponents for the match to be played. This is to be done within **1 week** of the fixture being known.
8. If this is unsuccessful then the second named pair will offer **3 dates**.
9. **If no agreeable date can be achieved**, then both pairs will be responsible to turn up on the first tee at **10:00hrs** on the last day available for the tie to be played.
10. If either pair fails to turn up, then they will be deemed to have scratched and will **forfeit** the match.
11. If neither team turns up, then **both teams** will have deemed to have scratched and will be **disqualified**.
12. All qualifiers are to ensure that they are available for the final before commencement of match-play games.

Knock-out rounds are 18 holes Match play. Final is 18 holes Match play

Winners will then meet on Club Final's Day

8. SECRETARYS PUTTER

Format – 18 Hole Stableford

Individual Stableford competition.

Handicap allowance

95%, Maximum Playing Handicap eligible to win the trophy is 36

Result

The player returning the most points will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

9. ANTHONY BROWN TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Stableford

Individual Stableford competition.

Handicap

95%, Maximum Playing Handicap eligible to win the trophy is 36

Result

The player returning the most points will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

10. WATNEY TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Bogey

Individual bogey competition.

Handicap

95%

Result

The player returning the best score will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

11. DAVID HUGHES TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Foursomes Medal

A mixed foursomes medal competition.

General

This is a **DRAW** for partnerships and **NO** family partnerships are allowed.

Handicap allowance

60% of lower 40% of higher added together. Maximum individual Playing handicap is 36

Result

The partnership returning the best nett score will be declared the winners.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.4 of this document.

12. BIRDS ROSEBOWL

Format – 18 Hole Stableford

Individual Stableford competition.

Handicap

95%, Maximum Playing Handicap eligible to win the trophy is 36

Result

The player returning the most points will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

13. MIDLAND BANK TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Medal

Individual Medal competition.

Handicap

95%

Result

The player returning the best nett score will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

14. PRESIDENT'S CUP

Format – 36 Hole Medal

To be played over 2 separate 18 hole medal rounds nominated from the club calendar and will run concurrently with the **Scratch Trophy**.

Individual Medal competition.

Handicap

95% (Note: Handicap of competitors at the start of the 1st round will be used for the 36 holes of the competition)

General

run concurrently with the Scratch Trophy

Result

The player returning the best nett score over the 36 holes will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the last 18 nett score, then last 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play and if necessary handicap will be taken into account.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.3 of this document.

No best Gross to be paid for during this competition.

15. SCRATCH TROPHY

Format – 36 Hole Medal

To be played over 2 separate 18 hole medal rounds nominated from the club calendar and will run concurrently with the **President's Cup**.

Individual Medal competition.

Handicap

Scratch competition (no handicap)

General

Run concurrently with the Presidents Cup

Result

The player returning the best gross score over the 36 holes will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie an 18 hole medal play off will take place and the winner will be the player returning the best gross score. If required, a sudden death play-off will be required, again off **Scratch**.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.3 of this document.

No best Gross to be paid for during this competition.

16. BARCLAYS BANK TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Stableford

Individual Stableford competition.

Handicap

95%, Maximum Playing Handicap eligible to win the trophy is 36.

Result

The player returning the most points will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well..

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

17. COLSTON AND COLSTON TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Medal

Individual Medal competition.

Handicap

95%

Result

The player returning the best nett score will be declared the winner.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document.

18. PETER DAVIES TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Greensome Foursomes Medal

Men's Foursomes medal competition

Handicap

60% of lower 40% of higher added together.

MAXIMUM individual playing handicap is **28** (therefore if both players course handicap is 28, their pairing will receive 28 shots) this will be governed by the HDID system.

General

Winners of the Peter Davies Trophy qualify as the St Athan Golf Club representatives for the Daily Mail Knockout competition in the following season.

Result

The partnership returning the best nett score will be declared the winners.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.4 of this document.

19. HOPE TROPHY (formerly Currier Cup)

Format – 18 Hole Four Man Texas Scramble

A Four Man Texas Scramble over 18 holes.

Handicap

Team Handicap is calculated using the course handicap as follows:

25% lowest Handicap + 20% of next lowest + 15% of next lowest + 10% Highest

Example:

Handicap Player 1 = 12

Handicap Player 2 = 6

Handicap Player 3 = 17

Handicap Player 4 = 18

Therefore, team Handicap would be calculated as:

(25% of 6) + (20% of 12) + (15% of 17) + (10% of 18) = 8.25 so the team would receive 8 shots.

Maximum stroke allowance for each team is 10

General

Each team must use **4** tee shots from each team member during the 18 hole round.

Result

The team returning the best nett score will be declared the winners.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players **competition** handicap into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.4 of this document.

Two Ball Sweep

Will be decided on the combined score of the four par 3 holes. The team with the lowest combined score on these holes will win the two's sweep.

20. SENIOR'S TROPHY

Format – 18 Hole Medal

Individual Medal competition.

Tees

White tees

Handicap

95%

General

£5 entry fee (includes £1 Two's sweep). No Board fund to be taken.

This competition will be divided into 3 age divisions as follows.

Division 1	Age 50 – 59
Division 2	Age 60 – 69
Division 3	Age 69 – 70
Division 4	Age 80 and over

Players are responsible for appending which Division they belong to.

The winner will be the player returning the best nett score **overall or in each category**

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play.

Trophies or vouchers

Each divisional **winner only** will win a percentage of the sweep money (10%).

Overall, **first** and **second** will also win a percentage of the sweep (40% and 20% respectively).

Note: A player may only win 1 category, priority is given to the Overall result in the first instance. If there are no player in a category, the percentage will be split evenly across all the prize money

Entry fee split		% off Prize fund
£4	1 st place Overall	40%
	2 nd place Overall	20%
	1 st place 50-59	10%
	1 st place 60-69	10%
	1 st place 70 79	10%
	1 st place 80+	10%
£1	Two's sweep	£1 per entry

21. DES COLE SHIELD

Format – 18 Hole Stableford

Each team will comprise of eight players from the following sections of the club:

County Team.
Wayfarers Section
Handicaps 18 and over.
Ladies Section.
Veteran's Section.
Junior's Section.
Combined Services Team (includes those eligible as Combined Service Ryder Cup players).

Handicap

95%

Tees

Played off the White and Red Tees

General

£5 entry per person (includes £1 Two's sweep). No board fund to be taken.

The best six scores added together from each team will be the Team Score.
The team with the highest total will be declared the winners.

If it is improbable for teams to field 8 players, the incumbent Club Captain, Vice-Captain and Chairman of Play may decide a suitable team number for example, teams of 6 with 4 scores to count prior to publicising the event.

Tie

In the event of a tie the score of the seventh player will count. If necessary after a further tie the score of the eighth player will decide the winning team. If it is still a tie then a draw will be declared.

Entry Monies

A two-ball sweep will take place as per normal competitions.
The remaining entry fee will be divided up as follows:

Winners	50% of the prize fund*
Runner's up	30% of the prize fund*
Third	20% of the prize fund*

***Winnings are to be distributed as Christmas Draw Tickets and the moneys given to the Vice-Captain.**

22. LAST CHANCE TROPHY

Format - 18 Hole Medal

An **individual** medal competition that may be played concurrently with the Medal Winners Medal.

Handicap allowance

95%

General

Only those members who have nothing forthcoming from competitions organised by the men's section at the presentation evening (winners/runners up) are eligible to win this trophy. Other members may play in the competition but can only win the sweep money and 2-ball sweep.

Result

The player returning the lowest net score who is eligible to win this competition will be declared the winner no matter what position he finishes.

Qualifying ties

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6 last 3 rule will come into play taking players handicaps into account as well.

Trophies or vouchers

As per section 3.1 of this document

23. ELWYN PARRY RYDER CUP

General

This is an annual competition between the Combined Service members (those who have served at any time in the RN/Army/RAF) and Civilian members of the Golf Club.

Teams

Each Team will consist of **16** players. The **Club Captain** will play for one team and the **Club Vice Captain** will play for the other. Both these 2 players then have the automatic right to choose **3 wildcards** for their team. If they have qualified themselves on merit they then have **4 choices**.

The remaining **12 members** of each team will be those who finish at the top of Qualifying Points System outlined below. If a qualifying player is unable to play in the match then the respective Team Captain can ask a lower ranking player to participate.

******It is mandatory for all players****** to attend the formal after match meal.

Qualifying Points System

All Monthly Medals and Singleton Board Competitions held between 1st April and 31st August count towards the final point's total.

The amount of points awarded is to be 70pts for 1st place, second position would be awarded 69 points and third place 68 down to 1 point for last place (if a player NR's they will receive 1 point). At the end of the qualifying period the player's 10 best cards will be added to make his final score.

Format

Team Captains are responsible for choosing their team pairings. A draw will take place the night before and **all players are expected** to be present.

In the morning - 8 foursomes**In the afternoon** - 16 singles matches.

Handicap

Foursomes: 1/2 of the combined difference.....Singles – full difference between players.

Responsibilities

Captains – Choosing and appending their teams on the notice board **3 weeks** before the match.

Competitions Member – Keeping players up to date with their scores throughout competition.

Team Players – Turn up for the match draw the night before. It is mandatory to attend the match meal afterwards. Assist with the purchase of the Team shirts.

Junior Members (Under 18 on Ryder Cup date) are excluded from this competition

24. AWARD OF THE KYLE TROPHY

The Kyle Trophy will be awarded annually to the golfing member at RAF St Athan Golf Club who fulfils the following criteria:

- a. Achieves a significant handicap reduction.
- b. Achieves a deal of success in all competitions entered.
- c. In the opinion of the committee, has been an example to all other golfers both on and off the course.

The winner will be presented with suitable memento to mark their achievement.

25. AWARD OF THE 8.4 TROPHY

The 8.4 Trophy will be awarded to the player who meets the following criteria:

- a. Commences the yearly Elwyn Parry Ryder Cup Competitions with a handicap of 8.4 or better.
- b. Finishes highest up the Elwyn Parry Ryder Cup Table.

26. WINTER TURKEY TROT LEAGUE

Format

A competition that runs from the first weekend of November through to the end of February. The Turkey Trot 'season' will comprise of a total of 16 competitions*, 12 are to be doubles format and 4 will be individual format. The Final Turkey Trot (#16) **must** be an individual competition. The league will run over several weekends and the winner is the golfer who returns the best aggregated points score over his best 10 turkey trots returns or less depending on the weather.

*in the event that not all competitions can be completed, the following will come into force to decide the OOM results:

Total Turkey Trots Played	Result to count
15 / 16	10
13 / 14	9
11 / 12	8
9 / 10	7
7 / 8	6

Handicap

The handicap allowance for each competition will be as follows:

Individual	= 95% course handicap
4BBB	= 85% course handicap
2 Man Texas Scramble	= 35% low + 15% high
Greensomes / Foursomes	= 60% low + 40% high
Rumbles (best score front 9, both scores back 9)	= 85% course handicap

General

Throughout the Turkey Trot period the point system will be as follows:

Singles format competition:

Winner(s)	30 points are awarded
Runner(s) up	29.5 points is awarded to the team or individual
Third place	29 points is awarded and so on down to 1 point each for last place and ties.

Pairs format competition:

Winner(s)	30 points are awarded
Runner(s) up	29 points is awarded to the team or individual
Third place	28 points is awarded and so on down to 1 point each for last place and ties.

0.5 pts are awarded to NR's

Trophies / Prizes As per section 3.6 and 3.7 of this document.

Tie *Competition Tie's will be resolved by count back (last 9, last6, last 3)*

In the event of a tie for the OOM, the prize split as shown in section 3 will be combined and shared equally between tied places, ie 4 persons tied, each receives 25%.

27. The Absent Friends Trophy

Format

A four ball better ball Stableford competition over 18 holes.

General

There will a draw for partnerships.

Handicap

85% course handicap

Result

The partnership returning the best Stableford score will be declared the winners.

Tie

In the event of a tie, the best back 9, last 6, last 3 rule will come into play.

Trophies or vouchers

As per Section 3.4 of this document.

28. Qualification for the Welsh Ping Mixed Foursomes Knockout

Qualification

Qualification for the Welsh Ping Mixed Foursomes team is to be determined by either of the 2 following methods. The choice of which is at the discretion of the Club Captain, Ladies Captain and Chairman of Play and to be decided prior to the release of the season's fixtures.

Method 1:

Ladies Invitational Competition Winners
Ladies Invitational Competition Runners Up
David Hughes Trophy Winners

Method 2:

Ladies Invitational Competition Winners
Anderson Trophy Winners
David Hughes Trophy Winners

The Team Captain is to be a member of the Ladies Invitational Competition winning pair. The Team Captain will be ensuring that the chosen team represent the Club in the manner expected

General

Players must ensure they are available for the regional qualifier prior to competing in the Club Qualifier event.

The Pairs that qualify through the methods above will represent St Athan Golf Club in the following years Welsh Ping Mixed Foursomes competition.

Nomination of Reserves

Reserves are to be picked in the following hierarchical order dependant on the method chosen to determine the initial 3 Pairs:

1. Ladies invitational Runners Up
2. David Hughes Runners Up
3. Anderson Trophy Runners Up

Inability of a player who has qualified for the Welsh Mixed Foursomes

If a player is unable to play any match, then the pair is deemed to be unable to play. Should the reserve / replacement pair as identified above win their match, they will remain part of the team until such time they lose, at which point the original Pair will return to the team.

29. Welsh Team Handicap Qualifier

Format

Individual Stableford

Handicap

95%

General

This qualifying competition will be run concurrently with any Individual Stableford Ryder Cup Qualifying (RCQ) Competition.

Players must ensure they are available for the regional qualifier prior to competing in the Club Qualifier event.

The Regional Qualifier and the National Final are held in the same year as this qualifying competition.

Entrance

Any players wishing to participate in qualifying for the Wales Golf Welsh Team Handicap Championship event must pay an additional £1 entry in addition to the standard competition entrance fee.

St Athan Golf Club will enter Teams based on the number of participating players.

Qualifying Teams

Each Team will consist of 4 players. The Teams will be decided by final standings as shown below:

Team A	Team B (if applicable)	Reserves
Player 1	Player 5	Player 9
Player 2	Player 6	Player 10
Player 3	Player 7	Player 11
Player 4	Player 8	Player 12

Venue

The Venue of the Regional Qualifier will be organised by Glamorganshire Golf and communicated to the Club at the earliest opportunity.

The Finals are organised by Wales Golf and available to view on the Wales Golf Website.

30. Suspension / Cancellation of Competitions

Adverse weather conditions may cause a delay or even cancellation to a club competition.

Weather conditions can deteriorate quickly on a golf course and when conditions become such, that the fair playing of the game is no longer possible or is dangerous, the Committee may suspend play.

Two Management Committee members or 1 management committee member and Green Keeper will in the first instance be responsible for initiating the suspension for up to 30 minutes to see if conditions improve.

When to Suspend Play?

A variety of bad weather conditions can be met by players on a golf course, but the decision on whether to suspend play or not sits with the Committee.

Suspension of play will be signalled by 1 loud long blast on the klaxon, all players are to mark their ball immediately and leave the course. St Athan ONLY operate immediate suspension of play.

If the course is still unplayable the competition is to be cancelled and all monies returned.

If Cancellation of the competition occurs without suspension, this will be signalled by 3 short blasts of the klaxon.

Course Closure:

- If members of the greenstaff are not present, it is the responsibility of the Chairman of Green or nominated Committee members, operating to guidelines determined by the Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper. (Guidance on the conditions affecting course closure/opening are below).
- In the event of closure, notice(s) should be displayed in a prominent position(s) to inform members and should, where practicable, indicate the time of the next course inspection. • A log should be kept of dates of course closure and the reason. This provides factual evidence of 'problem areas' on the course possibly requiring rectification.
- The only reason for course closure should be adverse weather conditions.
- The Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper, or his deputy, has full authority for declaring the course closed and for its re-opening.
- In the absence of an authorised member of staff the decision to close or re-open the course will be taken by the Chairman of Green or nominated Committee Member.
- Update answerphone and Website.
- For instances where a delayed start is deemed appropriate (ie Visibility due to Fog) Email start sheet informing of delay (BRS) and update answerphone. Delay to be taken from time of 1st tee time (all players move on 1 hour).

30.1 Guidance on conditions:

Wind

The Committee should consider suspending play if several balls are moved by wind on different parts of the course within a relatively short period of time. If there are just a few balls moving due to the wind on one green, the Committee should not normally suspend play. The Rules of Golf also now help players to avoid getting penalties and being advantaged or disadvantaged if the wind blows the ball to a new position (see Rules 9.3 and 13.1d). Wind can be assessed by Greenkeepers or ANY committee member (including playing subcommittee) Depending on the weather forecast the Committee may have the difficult task of deciding whether it is possible to resume play either the same day, next day or at another identified time or, if the round will be cancelled.

Water

The Committee should suspend play in stroke play when greens are flooded with most or all the area around a hole surrounded by temporary water and it cannot be removed. In such conditions the course would be considered unplayable, and it is only fair to suspend play. In match play, the Committee should try and remove the water and if that is not possible, the Committee can suspend play or relocate the hole to an unaffected portion of the green. Visibility / Fog i.e., 6th Green is un-visible from the 6th Tee. To be assessed by Greenkeepers or ANY committee member (including playing subcommittee).

Lightning

The very nature of lightning is unpredictable and therefore dangerous. The Committee should use whatever available resources it has to determine if there is danger from lightning and take actions it believes are appropriate. Lightning is one case where players may also stop play on their own accord if they believe there is danger from lightning (Rule 5.7). However, if a player does so, he or she must report to the Committee as soon as possible.

- Bunkers may be placed as GUR should all other areas of the course not fail to satisfy the above conditions. Individual bunkers may be made GUR at the discretion of the Greenkeepers prior to commencement of the competition.

30.2 Additional guidance for competitors:

Match Play

In match play, a round should not be cancelled once play has begun as both players in a match are playing in identical conditions, without one player having an advantage over the other. When the Committee has suspended play, they should resume play as soon as it is fair and reasonable to play again. When a match is being played by arrangement and the players have several days or weeks in which to play a match, the players may either resume play as soon as it is fair and reasonable to play again, or they may agree to resume play later. Whether play is being resumed on the same day or another day, it is important to remember that the match resumes play from where it was suspended rather than starting the match again.

Stroke Play

The Green Staff or Committee should only cancel a round when it would be unfair not to do so. When a round is cancelled, all scores and penalties during that round are cancelled, which would also include disqualification penalties. However, if a player is disqualified for serious misconduct (Rule 1.2) or for a breach of the Committee's Code of Conduct, that disqualification should not be cancelled.

If the Committee declares a suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and leave the course and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play.

A player must resume play from where he or she stopped play on a hole or, if between two holes, at the next teeing area, even if play is resumed on a later day. The player must be present at the location identified in (1) and ready to play:

- At the time set by the Committee for play to resume, and
- The player must resume play at (and not before) that time.

If the ability to resume play is delayed for any reason (such as when players in the group ahead need to play first and move out of the way), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group can resume play.

31. Multi Day Competitions

In line with Wales golf and the R&A, at the discretion of the incumbent Chairman of Play and Playing subcommittee, competitions may be held across multiple days.

This option is not limited to cases where competitions have been suspended or cancelled.

Below are guidelines to support any a decision to allow single round competitions to extend over two or more days:

- Tees times are to be set in BRS and all competitors must play within the set times.
- Payment must be made before commencement of the round.
- Leaderboard is to be delayed via HDID until midday on the following / final day of the competition.
- Players may only enter the competition once and must indicate before play if their score is to count for the competition.
- Players who elect to play on the 2nd (or 3rd) day are permitted to play on the course in casual golf or in a different competition on the 1st (or 2nd) day without breaching the **Rules of Golf**, Rule 5.2 (Practicing on Course Before or Between Rounds).
- All players must play in the spirit expected and play with a minimum of 1 other competitor.
- Cards must be completed correctly and entered to the HDID system as per routine process.
- Repeat Non-submission of cards / scores will result in review and potential competition ban at the discretion of the Playing Committee.
- Course conditions are deemed fair and equitable across multiple days – in the same way am and pm starts on the same day are. It is acceptable for flagsticks and tee positions to be moved, grass to be cut, and the course to be otherwise maintained between any days of the competition. The effect on scoring will be minimal, as what is seen as 'difficult' to one player might not be so to another. Differences in weather conditions may also be evident, but such differences are part of the game of golf and must be accepted; these changes could happen during the course of a single day's play.
- If play on the 1st (or 2nd) day is suspended by the Committee due to adverse weather conditions, a player that has not completed their round is entitled to complete their round on the 2nd (or 3rd) competition day, as long as they do not play on the course between the two parts of the round.

32. Appendix A – Additional competition formats

The following is a list of competition formats that the playing committee may choose for club competitions that are not listed in the main body of this document. This is not a definitive list as there are many different formats and modifications that can be made to any format of golf:

32.1 Chapman

Format: Modified Greensomes:

- **Both** players tee off.
- **Player A** plays **Player B**'s ball for the second shot.
- **Player B** plays **Player A**'s ball for the second shot.
- The best positioned ball is then selected, and the remainder of the hole is played out as per foursomes' format

Handicap allowance: 60% Low handicap + 40% High Handicap

32.2 Bowmaker

Format: Modified 3* man team Stableford:

- 1 Stableford score to count holes 1-6
- 2 Stableford scores to count 7-12
- All Stableford scores to count holes 13-18

**can be played as 4 man team, scores to count 2 then 3 then all*

Handicap allowance: 85% per player

32.3 Yellow Ball

Format: Modified 3 Man team Stableford:

- All scores to count on All holes
- 1 player is designated as the 'yellow' ball each hole on a rotation (ie player 1 hole 1, player 2 hole 2, player 3 hole 3, player 1 hole 4 etc...)
- The 'yellow ball' players score counts DOUBLE per hole
- Each team has 1 yellow ball. When the ball is lost, the opportunity for double points is forfeit for the remainder of the round.

Handicap allowance: 85% per player

32.4 Rumble

Format: Modified 4BBB Stableford:

- 4BBB front 9 holes
- BOTH scores count back 9

Handicap allowance: 85% per player